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SUBJECT: ITALIAN IMPORT LICENSES FOR USED COMPUTERS: ROCKWOOD
WORLD TRADE LTD., LONDON

FOR COMMERCE

1. ROME REQUESTED BY MR. DAVID G. MARKS, ROCKWOOD WORLD TRADE LTD., LONDON SUBSIDIARY OF ROCKWOOD COMPUTER CORPORATION, NEW YORK, TO LOOK INTO DELAYS IN GRANTING OF ITALIAN IMPORT LICENSE FOR USED IBM COMPUTER TO BE LEASED TO WARNER-LAMBERT MILAN SUBSIDIARY A. ANGIOLINI AND C., S.P.A., WHICH IS ACTUAL LICENSE APPLICANT. INVESTIGATION INDICATED ACTUAL DELAY RESULTS FROM EFFECTS IN MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE OF MASS SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENTS JUNE 30, 1973, BUT THAT IN FUTURE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS MINISTRY MAY EXAMINE TYPES OF COMPUTERS INVOLVED MORE CLOSELY THAN IN PAST DUE ALLEGED INCREASING COMPLAINTS ITALIAN MANUFACTURERS OF INJURY DUE IMPORTED USED EQUIPMENT.

2. ROCKWOOD NOT REPRESENTED IN ITALY. ITS ITALIAN SHIPPING AGENCY, BORGHINI TRANSPORT, MILAN (MR. BIANCHI) TOLD EMBASSY THAT BORGHINI, WHICH SPECIALIZES ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR ALL EDP COMPANIES, BELIEVES THAT NO IMPORT LICENSES FOR USED COMPUTERS BY ANY COMPANY WILL BE APPROVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER IF THE APPLICATIONS HAD NOT BEEN FULLY PROCESSED BEFORE JUNE

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30 RETIREMENTS. THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE IS MEETING

JULY 27 AND NOT AGAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER. PROCESSING ON ROCKWOOD COMPUTER NOT COMPLETED AND NO CHANCE OF APPROVAL JULY MEETING. COMMITTEE MEETS MONTHLY EXCEPT AUGUST AND COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES CONFCOMMERCIO - NATIONAL FEDERATION COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATIONS. BORGHI SAID THAT MANY APPLICATIONS OF ITS SEVERAL CLIENTS IN UNPROCESSED GROUP SUPPOSEDLY BEING SCRUTINIZED MORE CAREFULLY BY MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE PREVENT FRAUDULENT REMITTANCE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AGAINST IMPORT TRANSACTIONS.

3. DR BORGHESE, MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE, WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING USED COMPUTER IMPORT LICENSES CONFIRMED BOTH LARGE BACKLOG UNPROCESSED APPLICATIONS AND INCREASED CONCERN FOR FRAUDULENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS. HE ADDED THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION ALSO BEING GIVEN TO APPLICATIONS FOR USED COMPUTERS TO SEE THAT SUCH ARE NOT TYPES PRODUCED IN ITALY. HE SUGGESTED THAT MINISTRY MAY DECIDE NOT TO GRANT IMPORT LICENSES FOR SUCH DUE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN INDUSTRY ABOUT THE INJURY BEING CAUSED BY IMPORTED USED EQUIPMENT.

4. COMMENT - IBM AND HONEYWELL PRODUCE AND MARKET LARGE-MEDIUM COMPUTERS IN ITALY AND DOMINATE MARKET. IBM PRODUCTION INCLUDES SYSTEM 3 AND 360/20 COMPUTERS, INPUT/OUTPUT UNITS FOR 360 MODELS AND DATA TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT. OLIVETTI, IME AND SELENIA PRODUCE MINI AND SMALL, INDUSTRIAL CONTROL AND NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTERS.

5. LONDON: PLEASE ADVISE MR. MARKS OF ABOVE.VOLPE

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